Date on which price increase was effective	Increase in retail issue price of levy sugar (Rs. per Kilogram)		
	From	To	Extent of Increase
15-12-86	4.80	4.85	0.05
1-1-88	4.85	5.10	0.25
1-1-89	5.10	5.25	0.15

Tribal student hostels in Orissa

2807. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Orissa where Tribal student hostels have been set up during 1984 to 1989;

(b) whether the Union Government have any provision for providing financial aid for setting up tribal hostels in Orissa;

(c) if so, the details of funds granted during 1984—89;

(d) whether more such hostels are proposed to be set up in Orissa during the 7th Five Year Plan period; and

(e) if so, the details of the proposed location and estimate of such hostels?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a), (d) and (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) There is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under which State Governments are provided grants on a 50:50 matching basis for construction/expansion of hostels for Scheduled Tribe girls, subject to ceilings specified per seat.

(c) From 1984-85 to 1988-89, Rs. 70.0 lakhs have been released to Orissa under this Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

Strike by Indian Workers in Kuwait

2808. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one thousand Indian construction workers have been on strike in Kuwait because they have not been paid for the past four months; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to eliminate the sufferings of the workers and to bring them back to India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to the information furnished by the Indian Embassy in Kuwait, about 1000 Indian workers recruited by two Kuwaiti companies under the same proprietor *viz.* M/s. Al Burdah Trading and Contracting Company and M/s. Al Fawares Construction and Development company, to work on a housing project in Al Quarain Area of Kuwait stopped work from third week of January, 1989 on account of non-payment of wages. The Indian Mission intervened vigorously with the Kuwaiti employer and with sub-contractors and also took up the matter wih the Government of Kuwait for a settlement of the problem. The Mission has maintained constant liaison with the representatives of the workers, management and the sub-contractors and pursuing the matter with the Government of Kuwait.

The matter has also been taken up with the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Kuwait, during his recent visit to India and in pursuance of this, efforts are continuing to sort out the issue.

Unemployed persons in the Country

2809. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of unemployed persons as on 31st December 1988 under the categories of (i) Rural educated; (ii) Rural uneducated; (iii) urban educated; (iv) urban uneducated; and (v) Rural and Urban professionals (doctors, engineers etc.); and

(b) what were these figures as on December 31, 1987 and December 31, 1986, stating the percentage of increase|decrease?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Data on educated and uneducated persons registered with Employment Exchanges are not maintained separately by rural| urban residence. The uneducated, educated and professional job-seekers on the Live Register of employment exchanges, Statewise, as at end of December, 1986, December, 1987 and June, 1988 and their percentage increase|decrease during 1986-87 and 1987-June, 1988 are given in Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 153]

Recognition of synonymous as scheduled tribes

2810. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Member of Parliament from Karnataka requested for the issue of a circular recognising certain synonymous name such as Bhovi or Boyas as Scheduled Tribes;

(b) what is the hitch in following the same policy through the administrative order; and

(c) what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) to (c) No such request has been received from any Member of Parliament. However, Bhovi (and not Boyas) has already been included in the list of Scheduled Castes in relation to the State of Karnataka according to the Constitution Scheduled Castes Order 1950, amended from time to time. In the year 1979, through an executive order, the following communities had been treated as synonymous of Bhovi:—

Od
Odde
Vaddar
Waddar
Voddar
Woddar

The above synonyms of not form part of the Presidential Order, since amendment in the existing lists of Scheduled Castes can be done only through an Act, of Parliament in view of Article 341(2) of the Constitution. The Scheduled Caste certificate belonging to these synonyms|sub-castes will be valid only if they are issued in the relevant name of the community entered in the Presidential Order *i.e.* Bhovi. Since, all the proposals, representations and suggestions for the comprehensive revision of the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are under the consideration of the Government, the case of synonyms as proposed cannot therefore, be taken in isolation.

Persons registered with Employment Exchanges

2811. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the last three years figures of educated registered and uneducated registered unemployed;

(b) to what extent Employment Exchanges reflect the reality of rural and urban employment; and

(c) the number of persons who committed suicides due to unemployment in last three years?